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1. DURING TALK WITH GENERAL ANDRIAMAHAZO APRIL 24 HE INDICATED WE SHOULD CONTINUE LEAVE NASA RENT QUESTION IN SUSPENSE. HE POINTED OUT WE HAVE BEEN OPERATING FOR ALMOST YEAR AND HALF WITHOUT AGREEMENT, AND CAN CONTINUE DO SO.

2. I EXPRESSED APPREHENSION ABOUT CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF STATION IF RATSIRAKA SHOULD TAKE OVER LEADERSHIP OF GOVERNMENT. ANDRIAMAHAZO REPLIED THAT WE NEED FEEL NO CONCERN AS LONG AS HE IS MEMBER OF GOVERNMENT. HE EVEN EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT RATSIRAKA WOULD NOT IN LAST ANALYSIS PUSH US OUT EVEN IF ANDRIAMAHAZO WERE NO LONGER IN GOVERNMENT.

3. COMMENT: I THINK WE CAN RELY ON ANDRIAMAHAZO'S ASSURANCES AS LONG AS HE IS IN GOVERNMENT, BUT I WOULD NOT BE AS SANGUINE ABOUT FATE OF STATION UNDER RATSIRAKA GOVERNMENT WITHOUT ANDRIAMAHAZO'S PRESENCE.
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